

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet

Please complete the follow-up sheets
for all 4 sessions you have with your sponsor.

Be sure to answer each question with a minimum
of 2 complete sentences.

Please put your name on each follow-up sheet.

Turn all 4 sheets together,
on or before your January deadline.

Due date for CCD = Sunday, January 28, 2018

Due Date for School = Tuesday, January 23, 2018



Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet

#1

1. Opening Prayer— **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of Your love, send forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You will renew the face of the Earth.

2. Question—Why is Confirmation important to us and society in general?
Why do we bother with Confirmation? Isn't Baptism enough?

3. Information—

Some common misconceptions about the Sacrament of Confirmation are the ideas that Confirmation is an ending: we don't have to go to CCD class anymore; or that the sacrament can be earned.

Here are the facts: Confirmation is the beginning. You are choosing to follow Jesus. You are becoming a soldier for Christ and His Church: the Catholic Church. Your "armor" or protection is INFORMATION about Jesus and His church. Your job is to continue to learn and gain knowledge to help you spread the gospel and defend the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Can we earn this sacrament? Every sacrament is a gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn that gift as we are actually chosen by God. He gives it freely to each of us. We are called to learn about that gift, which is why we attend class. We are called to orient ourselves to the one giving the gift (God). We are called to be thankful that God loves us so much that He bestows on us the greatest gifts!

Read attached information from the YOU CAT. Points 203-207

4. Discussion—How do I become a soldier? Sponsor gives examples from their personal experiences trying to be a soldier. Courage, knowledge, kindness.

5. Closing Prayer— **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus. Hear me; Suffer me not to be separated from thee; From the malignant enemy defend me; In the hour of my death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet #1 Follow-up Sheet

Please answer the following questions with your sponsor and turn this sheet in with your Sponsor Packet on January 23 or 28, 2018.

Why is Confirmation important to us and society in general?

Why do we bother with Confirmation?

Can we earn the sacrament of Confirmation?

How do I become a soldier for Jesus Christ?

Name _____

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet

#2

1. Opening Prayer—
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
2. Questions—Why was I born? What is my purpose in life? Why the Catholic Church, and not another Christian church?
3. Information—Why were you born? According to the Baltimore Catechism, your sole purpose is to know God, to love God and to serve God and to be happy with Him in this life and the next.

All Christians, regardless of their denomination can get to Heaven, but the Catholic Church provides us with 3 very important things—

- A. The Most Direct Route—Do you want to go to Battle Creek down I-94 or via China? He gives us a guidebook, a road map, to follow with the precepts of the Catholic Church. The more we follow His rules and plan, the happier we become. His commandments are not about restricting us, they are about freeing us. Do we want our lives to be a path that is long, sorrowful, dangerous, and complicated? Why not go to heaven by the easiest route possible?
 - B. The Means to Follow the Direct Route--We are given all the graces of the Church through the sacraments. These graces make it possible for us to follow the precepts of the Church when others might say the “rules and regulations” are impossible to obey in today’s modern society. Without the grace of the sacraments, we humans could never follow the “guidebook”. We would, very simply, fail.
 - C. The only church started by Jesus Christ Himself—The Catholic Church was started by Christ Himself, not some guy with his own ideas. God did not start a church that needed updating over the centuries. He can foresee all. This is why He gave us such a perfect gift with the Catholic Church. We do not have a faith based on just the Bible. No, we have the perfect balance with the Bible, the catechism and the Magisterium. If you had a choice of a stool with one or three legs, which would you choose?
4. Discussion—Do you understand your purpose and it’s very real alternative? Do you really think God was so shortsighted as to not see our modern society and its changes over the centuries? Do you want a peace-filled life or not? Why wouldn’t you choose the better plan for yourself? How can Confirmation turn it into my success?
 5. Closing Prayer—Psalm 51; 12-
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet #2 Follow-up Sheet

Please answer the following questions with your sponsor and turn this sheet in with your Sponsor Packet on January 23 or 28, 2018.

What is my purpose in life?

Do I wish to go to Heaven?

Why do we choose the Catholic Church, and not another Christian church?

Do you want a peace-filled life or not? Why wouldn't you choose the better plan for yourself?

How can Confirmation turn it into my success?

Name _____

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet

#3

1. Opening Prayer—

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

2. Question—Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation? I don't get anything out of Mass; it's boring.

3. Information—Eucharist means Thanksgiving. We do not attend Mass for us, we attend Mass because we owe everything we have to God and he asks so little of us. He created us, knows and loves us better than anyone and is overjoyed when we visit Him.

We are at Mass to praise and adore Him; the one who made us. What can you give at Mass? You can help the community of believers by participating and praying for them. The more you give at Mass the more you will receive in return.

4. Discussion—What does it mean to be truly grateful? What are we grateful for? How can gratitude change our attitude in times of sorrow or difficulty? Can you easily arrange your schedule for a friend?

5. Closing Prayer—**Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly intend, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet #3 Follow-up Sheet

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Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation?

What does it mean to be truly grateful?

What are we grateful for?

How can gratitude change our attitude in times of sorrow or difficulty?

Can you easily arrange your schedule for a friend?

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Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet #4

The Activity

Look at the list below and choose an activity for you and your sponsor to do together. If your sponsor lives far away, try to do your activity at the exact same date and time, but just in different cities. Some of the activities you could do together on the telephone.

Go to Mass

Go to Adoration

Go to Confession

Recite the Liturgy of the Hours

Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Complete a Plenary Indulgence

(instruction sheet included)

Do a Service Project

After your outing have a discussion with your sponsor.

Discuss what you learned about each other in this activity. Could you continue to participate in this activity on a regular basis? Would you be willing to try other things on the list?

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Packet #4

Please answer the following questions with your sponsor and turn these 2 sheets in with your Sponsor Packet on January 23 or 28, 2018.

Activity Follow-up Sheet

Candidate Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

1. What activity did you choose with your sponsor? Briefly describe your experience.

2. What method of communication did you use for your activity?

3. What did you learn about your sponsor? Why is this relationship with your sponsor valuable to your faith?

